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SUBJECT: SHRIMPING OFF FRENCH GUIANA

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1. MISSION REQUESTED EC COMMISSION AUGUST 18 TO
EXTEND LICENSES OF VESSELS NAMED IN REFTEL UNTIL OCTOBER
3. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS INFORMED MISSION OFFICER
THAT SIMILAR DELAYS IN MAILING LICENSES TO SURINAM HAD
BEEN ENCOUNTERED BY THE JAPANESE AND KOREANS. THE COM-
MISSION HAD DECIDED, HOWEVER, NOT TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY
OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED LICENSES BUT RATHER TO ISSUE
ADDITIONAL LICENSES WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF
MAKING UP FOR FISHING TIME LOST DUE TO LATE ARRIVAL
OF LICENSES. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ASSURED MISSION OFFICER
THAT NEW LICENSES, VALID THROUGH OCTOBER 3, WOULD BE
ISSUED FOR THE SIX US VESSELS IN QUESTION. BUT, SINCE
THOSE COMMISSION OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
LICENSES ARE ON LEAVE, THE NEW LICENSE CANNOT BE READY
IMMEDIATELY. THEY WILL BE READY, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED,
BY SEPTEMBER 1. DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION (REFTEL) OF
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TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL TO FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN CAYENNE
WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSION.

2. THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL LICENSES AGAIN BRINGS
UP THE QUESTION OF HOW BEST TO FORWARD THEM TO US VESSELS
BASED IN SURINAM. JAPANESE HAVE ENCOUNTERED DELAYS IN
USING THE FLIGHT FROM AMSTERDAM TO PARAMARIBO AND THE

KOREANS HAVE FOUND THAT SIMPLY USING INTERNATIONAL MAIL FROM BRUSSELS TO SURINAM TAKES ABOUT TEN DAYS. AS BRUSSELS-WASHINGTON-SURINAM ROUTING SEEMS TO BE TAKING UP TO THREE WEEKS, MISSION SUGGESTS LICENSES BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO VESSELS' AGENTS IN PARAMARIBO. EVEN IF THIS TAKES TEN DAYS AS THE KOREANS' EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS, LICENSES SHOULD ARRIVE WELL BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 23 DEADLINE.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS STRESSED TO MISSION OFFICER THAT ORIGINAL LICENSES WOULD STILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND THAT NEW LICENSES HAD TO BE ON BOARD VESSELS IF SHRIMPING ACTIVITIES WERE TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER 3.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MISSION WITH SURINAM MAILING ADDRESS OR ADDRESSES FOR LICENSES IN QUESTION. HINTON

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